GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:507
ANSWERED ON:30.04.2002
NON-AVAILABILITY OF NCERT BOOKS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether books of NCERT are not available in the market;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the studies of students are being hampered due to non-availability of books; and

(d) if so, the corrective steps being taken by the Government in this regard and the manner in which the Government propose to make up the loss of studies of the students?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND OCEAN DEVELOPME MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

THE STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN THE REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 507 BY S/SHR AMBAREESHA AND MANIKRAO HODLYA GOVIT, REGARDING NON-AVAILABILITY OF NCERT BOOKS TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.4.2002

(a) to (d): NCERT has developed detailed subject-wise syllabi for all classes based on the National Curriculum Framework for School Education-2002. It has also recommended the introduction of the new syllabus and textbooks, in schools in phased manner, beginning with classes, I, III, VI, IX&XI, from the academic session 2002- 2003. However, the Supreme Court has given an interim order not to further implement the new curriculum and textbooks related to Social Sciences, including History and religion, and Hindi. For academic session 2002-2003, n0 change has been proposed in either the syllabus or NCERT textbooks in all subjects for II. IV,V,VII, VIII, X& XII classes. As informed by the NCERT, the textbooks for class XI are required only after the declaration of class X examination results in early June. Government has taken up the matter with NCERT to streamline publication and printing of textbooks and make them available to students so that their studies do not suffer.